

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Substance use disorders are a serious and treatable health problem, and as many as 63 percent of Americans say that addiction to alcohol or other drugs has had an impact on them at some point in their lives, whether it was the addiction of a friend or family member or another experience, such as their own personal addiction; and,

*Whereas*, Assessing our citizens' needs for addiction treatment and referring them to appropriate treatment, and their family members to support services, is a crucial first step in helping people realize that recovery is possible and treatment is effective; and,

*Whereas*, Barriers to accessing treatment programs that can help heal lives, families, and our communities are a significant problem for our neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family members with substance use disorders; and,

*Whereas*, Community members seeking treatment deserve affordable, individualized treatment programs; and,

*Whereas*, Celebrating individuals in recovery and their families, and saluting the health care providers who helped them obtain treatment, educates our communities about the benefits of treatment and affirms that such providers deserve adequate compensation for their services; and,

*Whereas*, To help achieve this goal, the U.S Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the South Dakota Department of Human Services' Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and all local alcohol and drug treatment facilities and programs invite all residents of South Dakota to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I encourage all citizens to support this year's national theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Healing Lives, Families, and Communities" by supporting men, women, and youth who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery and their families.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State